

## **SMOKE ADVISORY**

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## Smoke from recycling facility fire impacting local air quality

**SAN FRANCISCO** – Smoke from a fire at an electronics recycling facility at 2371 Stanwell Drive in Concord is having localized impacts on air quality. The fire began at approximately 12:30 A.M. and the Contra Costa Health Services has issued a health advisory as a precaution for a half mile radius around the fire: covering the areas south of Olivera Road and Highway 4, east of 680, north of Willow Pass Road and West of 242.

Winds are currently out of the east and moving the smoke westward across Contra Costa and parts of Alameda County. A *Winter Spare the Alert* is currently in effect for the Bay Area, as weather patterns are conducive to trapping pollution in the region.

Bay Area Air District inspectors are currently at the scene and are assisting first responders.

Bay Area residents in areas impacted by smoke are advised to:

- Reduce exposure to smoky air by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed
- Set air conditioning units and car vent systems to re-circulate
- If air smells of smoke, limit outdoor activities to avoid unnecessary exposure
- If you have a respiratory condition, make sure you follow your doctor's directions about taking your medicines and following your asthma management plan.
- Go to www.baaqmd.gov or www.sparetheair.org to check real-time air quality

For more information about smoke impacts please visit <u>www.sparetheair.org</u> or <u>www.airquality.org/smokeimpact/</u>.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (<u>www.baaqmd.gov</u>) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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